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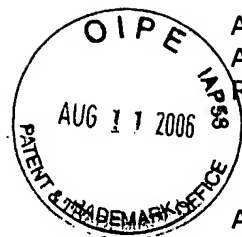
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Applicants: José B. Rivera et al.
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Title: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR TREATING
METAL SURFACES USING A POLYMER BLEND AND
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **July 14, 2006**.

The Examiner requires that claims of either Group I (claims 1-16, drawn to a composition for treating a metal surface to improve paint adhesion and corrosion resistance) or Group II (claims 17-30, drawn to a method for treating a metal surface to improve paint adhesion and corrosion resistance) be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute Group II. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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